THUNGON): (a) and (b) Talks were hrld in March 1993 on shareing the rvier waters between India and Bangladesh during the meeting of Indo-Bangladesh Joint Committee of Experts. The two sides held in-depth discussions to work for an equitable, long term and comprehensive arrengement for sharing the flows of Ganga, Tista and other major rivers.

Conservation of flood value in the coastal areas of T. N.

2255. SHRI TESTDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN; Will the Minis ter of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Government for conservation of flood waters in the coastal areas; .....

(b) whether the Ministry has taken into consideration of joining the flood rivers to be collected and stored^ up to meet the need of water during drought conditions; and

(c) if not, the reasons thrrefor?..

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) and (c) A National Perspective for Water Rrsources Development prepared by Government envisages inter-linkages between various Pteninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers separfatel for transfer of water from water rich basms to water short basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. Government has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 for firming up these proposals. A total of 36 water transfer links 17 under peninsular .component and 19 under Himalaya component have been identified by National Water Develbp-toent Agency.

Constrnction of Debang and Subantsfr reservoir Projects

2256. SHRI DAVID LEDGER; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Brahmaputra Board for construction of the Dehang and Suban-siri Reservoir projects have been accepted by the Cental Government;

(b) if go, when thr projects are likely to be launched; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above in the negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON); (a) to (c) Detailed reports for Dihang and Subaansiri projects could not be finalised as surveys and invrstigations could not be fully carried out for want of permission from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Setting up of National Ground water Institute

2257. DR. NARREDDY THULA' SI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the side Selection Committee for setting up of "Natio-naL Ground Water Institute has sub mited its report; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE DC THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir

(b) Main recommendations of the Site Selection committee constitut